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1. Rightist youth in North Korea welcomed and cooperated with United Nations forces when they advanced into the north. Branches of the Tashan Youth Group and the Public Security Corps were promptly formed, with the aim of preserving public security and eliminating hidden Communist elements. When the United Nations forces withdrew southward, however, these youth organizations were left to cope with the returning Communists.
2. Most members of youth organizations fled to the mountains. Disposition of some surviving elements is as follows:
 - a. In Kwanghae Province, youth from Kunchon, Sinmak, and Sorung areas who were seeking hidden Communists in areas far from the main rail lines were slow in learning of the UN retreat. When the news reached them, 1,300 fled to the mountains with their arms. Several thousand youth also gathered in mountainous areas along the west coast seeking a route southward.
 - b. Most of the rightist Wonsan youth were members of the Youth Friendship Party who had already suffered difficulties from the Communists. Leaders in the city managed to escape southward, but those in the adjacent Togwon area had to take refuge in the mountains. About 700, with some food and arms, reached Mount Masingsyong (127-12, 39-02).
 - c. Many youth were cut off in Pyongyang and were unable to escape south by road. Some of these went to Chinnampo to seek evacuation by sea.
3. The total number of these UN sympathizers in hiding in the north is unknown. In Kwanghae Province and adjacent areas it is estimated at 10,000.

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